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In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 1651 Hisashi SEMBA, et al. Examiner: Irene Marx Application No.: 09/758,317 Filed: January 12, 2001 A METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING For: AN OPTICALLY ACTIVE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time until March 22, 2003, to reply to the Office Action of October 22, 2002. (As March 22nd falls on a Saturday, the response period is hereby extended until March 24th) A fee of \$410.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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